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Appendix II.

[Vide answer to Starred Question No. 2012 asked by Sri V. K. Kothandaraman (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram), Sri M. P. Sarathi and Sri T. T. Daniel at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 11th November 1961, page 254 supra.]

A.—(*a*) About 3,000 acres were intensively affected.

(*b*) The relief measures which were taken by the Government to prevent the disease are as follows:—

(i) Sale of pesticides was ordered at the 50 per cent concessional rates to the affected potato growers.

(ii) Sixteen power sprayers, 274 hand operated sprayers and 20 dusters were put in operation.

(iii) Pesticides were moved to all village centres within the easy reach of farmers.

(iv) Additional staff of Agricultural Demonstrators, Demonstration Maistries and Mechanics attended to the work of plant protection. Three thousand two hundred acres were sprayed by the department and 2,681 metric tonnes of fungicides were supplied to the farmers.

(v) Methods of control were printed in leaflets and distributed all over.

(vi) The Madras Agricultural Pests and Diseases Act, 1919 was enforced by an Extraordinary Gazette Notification under which the necessary remedial measures were prescribed conferring the requisite powers on certain officers to carry out the remedial measures speedily and strictly.

(vii) Orders were issued for the procurement of 3,000 bags of Great Scot type seed potato at a cost of Rs. 1,50,500 for supply to the ryots whose crops were damaged the Government bearing a loss of Rs. 15,500 paid as premium for the purchase of seeds. The number of sprayers to be distributed at concessional rates in the Nilgiris district has been increased from 30 to 200.

(ix) The services of Dr. William Black of Scottish Plant Breeding Station, Edinburgh, the potato expert of international eminence, were requisitioned to study the incidence of Late Blight. Dr. Black toured the area and has submitted his report to the Government of India.

(x) A senior official of this Government with the status of a Member of Board of Revenue was deputed to the Nilgiris district to enquire into the extent of economic distress suffered by the ryots and to suggest relief measures. A detailed report containing several suggestions received from him is under consideration.

(xi) A special conference was convened by the Minister for Agriculture with all the senior officials concerned on 22nd August 1961 and various suggestions made during the conference are being actively considered.

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(xii) As it is imperative to import adequate quantities of Great Scot potato seeds from abroad the matter has been taken to the Government of India.

APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to Starred Question No. 2014, asked by T. S. Ramaswami (on behalf of Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar) at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 11th November 1961, page 256 supra.]

The Government have constituted a Committee to draw up the programme for the celebrations of birth centenary of Rabindranath Tagore. The following steps have been taken by the Committee in this direction :—

(1) Construction of a Memorial Theatre in Madras

(2) Programme to produce Tagore plays in Tamil, Bengali and English.

(3) Production of a dance-drama by Kalakshetra artists for the celebration.

(4) A course on Tagore Music in Kalakshetra and Annamalai University will be conducted.

(5) Competitions, Symposia and Lectures on the various aspects of Tagore life will be conducted in Colleges and High Schools.

(6) Translation of the Tagore Centenary Volume into Tamil.

(7) Awarding a few scholarships to students for advanced course in painting in Santiniketan.

(8) Collection of funds for the celebrations.

APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to clause (c) of Starred Question No. 2017, asked by Sri T. S. Ramaswami at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 11th November 1961, page 257 supra.]

Percentage of enrolment of the age group 6–11 in elementary schools in the State during 1960–61.

Educational district.	Percentage of enrolment of children.	
	Boys.	Girls.
(1)	(2)	(3)
1 Kanyakumari (age group 5–10)	95·0	94·0
2 Madras North	98·7	94.4
3 Madras South	98·7	92·6
4 Chingleput	80·0	58·0
5 South Arcot	77·9	55·6
6 Villupuram	81·0	52·0
7 Thanjavur East	88·6	66·8